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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL
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September 9, 1992

Illinois Tool Works, Inc.
3949 W. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46254

RE: Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information;
American Chemical Services Site, Griffith, Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has documented the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the environment from the above-referenced facility, and is planning to spend public funds to investigate and control these releases. This action will be taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (1986) (SARA), unless U.S. EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party or parties. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners and operators of the facility, persons who generated the hazardous substances, and persons who were involved in the transport, treatment or disposal of the hazardous substances at the Site. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, where U.S. EPA uses public funds to achieve the cleanup of the hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs associated with the removal or remedial action and all other necessary costs incurred in cleaning up the facility, including investigation, planning and enforcement costs.

U.S. EPA previously notified, based on information then available, a group of potentially responsible parties about the conditions at the Site. A number of these potentially responsible parties entered into an Administrative Order on Consent wherein they agreed to conduct a remedial investigation (RI) to determine the nature and extent of any release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants from the Site and to perform a feasibility study (FS) to identify and evaluate alternatives for the appropriate extent of remedial action needed to address conditions at the Site. After the RI and FS